

House Resolution 103

By: Representative Hudson of the 124th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sergeant Elijah Johnson on the occasion of his retirement; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sergeant Elijah Johnson has dedicated 43 years of outstanding and honorable
4 service to the Sparta Police Department in Sparta, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Sergeant Johnson was hired in October of 1965 by then mayor, George F.
6 Green, who was a doctor at the time and later went on to serve as a state representative; and

7 WHEREAS, this distinguished Georgian was the first African American employee hired by
8 the Sparta Police Department, and Sergeant Johnson now holds the honor of the longest
9 serving African American officer with the force; and

10 WHEREAS, he has been highly regarded by the citizens of his community and by state and
11 local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the
12 administration of justice and sound principles of law enforcement; and

13 WHEREAS, Sergeant Johnson is an honest and dedicated public servant who strives for
14 excellence in all his endeavors and whose primary concern has always been the welfare and
15 safety of the citizens of the Sparta; and

16 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their
17 gratitude for the unique and often unheralded contributions of local law enforcement officers
18 on behalf of the citizens of this state.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body unanimously commend the care, courage, sympathy, and selfless
21 dedication exhibited by Sergeant Elijah Johnson in carrying out the difficult duties of his
22 vocation for over four decades, extend to him their utmost appreciation for having so purely
23 and truly defined for others the meaning of public servant, and extend best wishes for a well
24 deserved retirement.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sergeant Elijah Johnson.